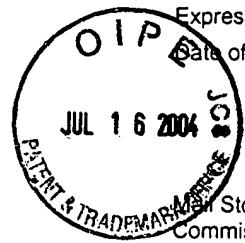


In re Application of: Scott E. Boatman et al.
For: MEDICAL DEVICE INCLUDING UNITARY, CONTINUOUS PORTION OF VARYING
DUROMETER
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Transmitted herewith is:

- A new application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b).
 A Continuation, Divisional, or Continuation-in-part (CIP) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of prior application no. 09 /848,742.

Prior application information: Examiner: C. Williams Art Unit: 3763

Maintenance of copendency of prior application: A request for extension of time and the appropriate fee have been filed in the pending prior application (or are being filed in the prior application concurrently herewith) to extend the period for response until _____.

For Continuation or Divisional Applications only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied as indicated below, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference.

The following application elements and other papers are attached:

1. Application including:
 Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR § 1.76.
 Title page
 Specification, including claims and Abstract (82 pages)
 Drawings (5 sheet(s))
 Appendices:
 Declaration or Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (5 pages):
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 copy from a prior application (37 CFR §1.63(d))
 This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR §1.53(d)(4). Please DELETE the following inventor(s) named in prior nonprovisional application no: _____;

2. Small Entity Status:
 Applicant hereby asserts entitlement to claim small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27.
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3. Fee calculation (after entry of any preliminary amendment(s) in Item #7 below):

Claims as Filed For	Col. 1 No. Filed	Col. 2 No. Extra	Small Entity		or	Not a Small Entity	
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5. Certified copy of priority document(s)

is attached or has been filed in prior application no. ____ / ____.

6. English Translation Document

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7. Preliminary Amendment:

- A Preliminary Amendment is attached (note: related application data required under 37 CFR § 1.78, if any, appears in the Amendments to the Specification section of the Preliminary Amendment, including incorporations by reference).
- A "Petition to Suspend Prosecution For the Time Necessary to File an Amendment (New Application Filed Concurrently)" is attached.

8. Information Disclosure Statement, including Form PTO-1449 (____ sheets) and copies of references cited, if required.9. An Assignment to Cook Incorporated and Sabin Corporation:

with accompanying Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet, is attached.

was previously recorded on June 25, 2001 at Reel 011927, Frame 0676.

10. Power of Attorney (____ pages; by inventor by Assignee identified in item #9 above)11. Nonpublication Request under 35 USC §122(b)(2)(B)(i)12. Other: ____13. Return Postcard

14. The power of attorney in the prior application is to: ____ (Reg. No. ____).

The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

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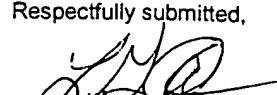
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Respectfully submitted,



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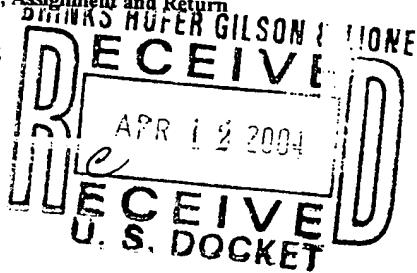


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